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North Kerry Line

Dear Deputy Griffin,

Thank you for your letter of 30th August 2013.

The North Kerry Line, including the section between Kilmorna and Listowel, is owned by CIE. CIE continues to occupy the line by means of the signalling cables therein, and should any claim for adverse possession be made this would be refuted successfully.

As you note in your letter there is trespass on the line from time to time. I am advised that legal action to confirm CIE's ownership is, owing to our continued occupation, unnecessary, and action against such trespass may be ineffective in the absence of the resources required to fence and patrol the line to prevent further trespass.

CIE and Iarnrod Eireann are fully supportive of the proposed development of the line to Greenway status similar to the section from Rathkeale to Abbeyfeale, but have no funding to develop such Greenways.

CIE granted a Licence to enable the development of the walkway on the Rathkeale/Abbeyfeale section and has recently granted a licence to a local group at Lixnaw for a similar purpose, while Kerry County Council has taken a licence of the Fenit Line which links up with the North Kerry Line as it enters Tralee.

CIE would welcome an application from Kerry County Council or a local organisation for a Licence to facilitate a Greenway from Kilmorna to Listowel, and indeed the entire North Kerry line as far as Tralee.

Yours sincerely,

Vivienne Jupp,

Chairman, CIE.